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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/839,707

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For: METHODS OF ENHANCING  
SPLP-MEDIATED TRANSFECTION  
USING ENDOSOMAL MEMBRANE  
DESTABILIZERS

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before July 17, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.